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### **Reply To Restriction Requirement**

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Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Tu X. Nguyen for the courtesy of telephonic discussions held with Applicants' representative, Albert J. Fasulo, II, on November 18, 2002 and November 19, 2002, regarding Examiner Nguyen's Office Action (Restriction Requirement) of October 23, 2002. Based on these discussions, and on his own review of the case history, Examiner Nguyen revised his allocation of pending claims in the above-referenced application to invention Groups I, II and III according to the following:

Group I: Claims 1-12;

Group II: Claims 18-19, and 26-27; and

Group III: Claims 13-15 and 20.

In reply to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-12. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

It is believed that this application is in condition for immediate examination. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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